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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 17, 2004

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 17, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.